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No Business As Usual - Slime Tour 85

The Slime Tour was the major part of Toronto's day of No Business As Usual on April 29. The tour made its way through the streets of downtown Toronto with about 60 people, mostly punks and anarchists. It started with a jaunt through the aisles of Eaton's with chants of "Boycott" & "Shoplift Eaton's" (at this time Eaton's workers were still on strike). Exiting on Yonge St., the tour stopped at Burger King and McDonalds to protest the exploitation of animals for meat. Both places were trashed with garbage and other debris thrown about. One man was charged with mischief to private property (more on this later). Continuing along, the group made stops at various porn and sex shops, dieing-in in front of them. By this time the cops had caught on and began following. When the tour reached the RCMP building to protest against political harasment, there were 6 cop cars involved. They then began to encircle the tourists, apparently with a McDonalds employee, looking for those responsible for the trash-in. Even though all were involved, only 3 people were picked out. Two young girls were picked up and had their parents called before being released, and John Kozachenko was arrested for the mischief charge. He had been taking pictures throughout the tour and wasn't involved

'Death' oversees the die-in at RCMP headquarters

with "throwing confetti" as alleged. But having a known face to police and an outspoken manner when dealing with them, he was a likely target. He was also accused of stickering "Meat is Murder", making noise (who wasn't?), and driving out half the costumers, besides being labelled the leader! After the police interuption, about 20 people left for fear of arrest, while the rest continued on to the American Consulate where red dye was spilt during another die-in. The war memorial was the final stop on the tour. The police harrasment didn't end there though. A group of 3 walking home were surrounded by 3 cops, and 1 woman was arrested for wearing a spiked bracelet. It was part of her Death costume which she wore in the Theatre Kathartic's recent presentation of The Danse Macabre, and which she wore on the Slime Tour (see picture). Another punk with purple hair was also arrested some hours afterward on his way home and questioned for 5 hours. He was threatened with deportation back to England but after repeated demands to see his lawyer he was released without charged. Other Toronto NBAU actions included

Protesters screaming during die-in

lock-glueing of Eaton's doors and fur stores, spraypainting and sign-smashing of fur stores (ALF), and a noon-hour lunch in the middle of the Bayview/Eglington intersection. 3 people were involved in this yoghurt & celery meal, and 1 was arrested and threatened with a psychiatric examination. He was released without being charged. He figures he was picked out because of his dinner jacket and tie. On the west side of Canada in Vancouver, 7 people were arrested during a similar tour through some corporate slime offices. They were talking about the connections between those corporations and political repression when the arrests occured.

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According to B.C. Blackout, the cops became angry when the protesters helped eac other out instead of going limp during arrests. The police chief went on radio the next day and threatened to investigate the organizers as well as boast that the cops could get rid of all those dissidents if only the politicians would giv them the power.... Toronto's NBAU leaflet is available from this publication fo 50¢, and Vancouver's Official Corporate Tour Guide will soon be in wider distribution. Write to B.C. Blackout, POBox 65896, Stn. F, Vancouver, BC V5N 5L3. And finally, support John Kozachenko at his trial on June 26 at Old City Hall courts 10 am, room 124.

Portrait Of Puke

This month's winner of the School of Sidr Journalism Award goes to Colline Caulder for her toilet-paper article in the Toronto Star on May 26 about punks. This middle-class pretentious fashion follower thought she could pull off a "Portrait in Punk" article because she has a book of her poetry published entitled Punk Shots. The only thing punk about her book is half of the title. Follow me through her article and lets see who can keep a straight face.

Did you know that when punks can afford new clothes they shop at Le Chateau? Did you know that all punks wear white makeup faces with red lipstick? Or that costumes and lifestyles are "studiously copied" from magazines and idols such as Billy Idol, Van Halen, Sting, and Robert Plant? Anyone laughing yet? Unfortunately, irresponsible articles from money-grubbing scum such as Colline Caulder are hard to laugh at as she paints an incredibly distorted "portrait" of punks. She insinuated that not attending church was part of the problem with these punks. Or that appearing "all punked up" was not a real part of this culture; ie- the clothes that punks wear are just for special occasions. To add insult to injury, after supposedly interviewing 50 punks, she ends her article with a quote from some psychiatrist! It's time for Colline to start analysing herself, never mind anyone else. A letter to the Star's editors would be a good idea.

Court Digest

In a precedent-setting move, a Provincial Court judge has ruled that the right to peacefully assemble is enshrined in the Canadian Charter of Rights. (Isn't that amazing!?) The ruling arose from an appeal by Brian Burch on his order not to attend any demonstrations. Last summer Brian was arrested during a demonstration against the new spy agency (CSIS). A protester was threatened with assault by 52 division cop no. 6058 (remember that no.!) after a picture had been taken of him. Brian shouted to then-Soliciter General Kaplan "Why can the police take picture of us but if we take pictures of them we get threatened with assault?" He was then arrested for creating a disturbanc by shouting and received as part of his conviction a ban on attending demonstrations for 6 months. Thus we come to this latest court decision that the bar was indeed 'unconstitutional'.

In other news, the Ontario Supreme Court has ruled that Litton protesters charged with mischief against Litton property do not have the right to trial by judge and jury - even though that is one of the options. Seems that the prosecution has the decision-making powers and says that these "matters...are fairly minor and should be cleared up quickly" by judge alone.

And in semi-related court news, another Provincial Court judge has ruled that police do not have the power to arbitrarily search people as they enter a concert or other event, as such searche violate the Canadian Charter of Rights.

Events

June 2 -Against Cruise Testing will be holding a demonstration in support of independent peace activists in the Eastern bloc countries. On this date in 1982 the Group to Establish Trust Between the USA and the USSR was founded in Moscow. 1 pm at the Peace Garden at City Hall.

June 2 -Speaking Our Peace is a new documentary film about women and peace and will be shown free of charge at the Bloor Cinema, 2:30 pm.

June 6 -Rogers cable (Ch. 10) is airing Helen Caldicotts recent talk here in Toronto, at 5:30 pm.

June 7 -Native performer David Campbell is at the Trojan Horse, 179 Danforth,

June 8 -Marie-Lynn Hammond is performing at the Trojan Horse tonight.

June 9 -Summer Benefit for Guatemala, sponsored by the Committee for the Detained and Disappeared in Guatemala. 7:30 pm, Trojan Horse, $4 donation.

June 9 -Rough Trade in a free concert at High Park. Call 947-7251.

June 14 -In support of the Wollaston Lake Survival Gathering Uranium Mine Blockade, Toronto Nuclear Awareness, Cruise Missile Conversion Project and the Canadian Alliance in Solidarity with the Native Peoples will be holding a support demonstration at the offices of Eldorado Nuclear, 100 University, from 8 am till midnight. Lots of street theatre is planned. Call Kaz at TNA, 537-0438 if you would like more information.

June 15 -Paul Watson and the Greenpeace crew are scheduled to dock at Harbourfront today, as part of their awareness program of pollution in the Lakes.

June 26 -Trial for NBAU Tourist John Kozachenko, 10 am Old City Hall Courts #124.

June 30 -Gay and Lesbian Pride Day celebrations all day at 519 Church St.

June 30-July 7 -The International Gay Association 7th Annual Conference will take place at the U of T Medical Sciences building. More info from 927-7921.

July 3-July 7 -Sex and the State; Their Laws, Our Lives is an International Lesbian and Gay History Conference, as part of the IGA Conference.

July 6 -This has been proclaimed Big Mountain Day, the approx. day which in 1986 the US government plans to relocate 10,000 Navajos and Hopi in order to exploit their land. An informational picket is planned in front of the US Consulate. Write Dissident News for more information or to get involved

he Animal Liberation Front Support Group eld its first organizational meeting in ay and many people attended with lots of nthusiasm. Many specialized committees ere formed, and fundraising and awareness vents are being planned. If you would ike to help out, write to the ALFSG c/o issident News.

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